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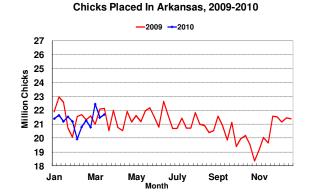
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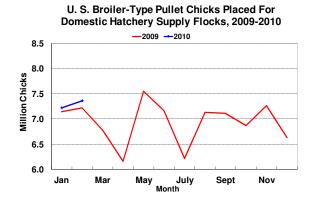
Arkansas Chick Placements Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.7 million during the week ending March 20, 2010. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2009 but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 20, 2010, up 2 percent from the same period last year and up 4 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.36 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2010, up 2 percent from February 2009.





Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 20, 2010 - March 20, 2010

State	Eggs Set Week Ending					Chicks Placed					
						Week Ending					
	20-Feb	27-Feb	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	20-Feb	27-Feb	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	
	Thousand					Thousand					
Alabama	30,080	30,104 *	30,030	29,667	30,564	20,884	20,739	20,883	21,449	20,750	
Arkansas	23,906	24,327 *	24,439	22,958 *	23,762	21,265	20,773	22,446	21,477 *	21,698	
Delaware	3,266	3,264	3,193	3,782	3,615	3,911	5,629	3,625	4,581	4,994	
Florida	1,376	1,385	1,338	1,303	1,316	1,104	1,040	1,037	1,030	1,029	
Georgia	31,902	31,520 *	31,594	31,691	31,701	25,852	26,205	25,847	25,946	26,433	
Kentucky	7,830	7,775 *	7,655	7,710	7,995	6,158	6,120	6,033	6,450 *	6,070	
Louisiana	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,440	3,500	3,014	3,049	3,032	3,021	3,043	
Maryland	9,069	9,106	9,062	8,856	9,141	5,808	5,316	6,589	6,115	6,069	
Mississippi	19,258	19,465	19,349	19,156	19,503	16,617	16,897	17,174	16,809	16,891	
N. Carolina	19,134	18,768 *	18,772	18,901	18,559	15,010	15,411	15,299	15,790	15,610	
Oklahoma	6,727	6,658 *	6,879	7,113 *	7,233	4,863	4,505	3,172	4,658	4,417	
Pennsylvania	3,693	3,698	3,692	3,839 *	3,647	2,646	2,609	2,854	3,023 *	3,000	
S. Carolina	5,675	5,977	5,643	5,640	6,048	4,982	5,071	5,156	4,841	4,810	
Texas	16,145	15,807	15,448	15,566	15,541	12,966	13,173	13,249	13,376	13,204	
Virginia	6,435	6,427	6,549	6,543	6,412	4,948	4,561	5,751	5,212	5,052	
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,007 *	19,610 *	19,430 *	19,498 *	19,236	15,833 *	17,185	16,882 *	16,379 *	17,040	
19 State Total	206,973 *	207,361 *	206,543 *	205,663 *	207,773	165,861 *	168,283	169,029 *	170,157 *	170,110	
Prev. Year Total	204,603	206,753	202,111	203,072	200,382	163,431	166,495	167,577	169,505	170,633	
% of Prev. Year	101	100	102	101	104	101	101	101	100	100	

^{*} Revised in current w eek.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 20, 2010. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 20, 2010. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through March 20, 2010 were 1.84 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.